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Title : ASSIGNING A HOT SPOT IN AN ELECTRONIC ARTWORK

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE

In response to the action mailed December 16, 1999, please amend the application as follows.

In the Claims:

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1. (Amended) A method for creating electronic artwork with a hot area, comprising:
receiving an electronic artwork having a plurality of layers, each layer having transparency information;
receiving from a user an input selecting one of the plurality of layers; and
for [a] the selected layer of the artwork, identifying a non-transparent region of the layer, calculating a definition of an area corresponding to a boundary of the region, and assigning an action to the area, the action defining a function that is to be activated when the area is selected.

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5. (Amended) A computer program, tangibly stored on a computer-readable medium, comprising instructions for causing a computer to:
receive an electronic artwork having a plurality of layers, each layer having transparency information;
receive from a user an input selecting one of the plurality of layers;
identify a non-transparent region of [a] the selected layer of [an] the electronic artwork;

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